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## NEWS OF THE HOBBY

\*\*Conrad von Metzke, Boardman Number man and all around nice guy has turned tough just recently when he made an announcement in his latest Everything\* about his new policy. He will now not keep records, assign Boardman Numbers, nor recognize any games run by a publisher/gamesmaster who does not send him a copy of each issue involving the game. This means that all people running games must trade their zines with him (they do not get his zine, Everything\*) if they want their games to be noted and given numbers, etc. This is his "fee" for being the Boardman Numbers Man. Ten game years at roughly 30 issues equals approximately \$2.50 of Impassable which is not an unfair price considering he'd be looking at all ten regular games I'm running. It is a lot of work and we support his "fee" as his only way of getting anything back for all the work he does for the hobby. So, it is also a warning to the other gamesmasters to trade without return their gamezines to him! If you're a player, it would be wise to see that your publisher trades with Conrad!

\*\*We have two new traders for our gamezines: CARN DUM is a publication put out by Ray Heuer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, NY 11418. It is completely devoted to the variant games of Diplomacy, and Origins. It is a split from the old POUCH gamezine and carries its former variant games. Sub is 10/\$2.00. No openings as of now. Well worth getting to get into any variant games plus Origins.

YE OLD DOUBLE-HANDLED PUSHBROOM is the

other new trade. This was a new one from a new publisher but an old time player, Ernie Melchior, 209 S. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302. Started to cover the single orphaned game of 1971 I from STAB, this is available at a sub of 6 for \$1.00.

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## STANDBYS, YOU ARE NEEDED!

1973Ddl: William Osmanson standby for England?  
1973AYec: Tom Hubbard standby for England and John Biehl standby for Austria?  
1973CZec: Tom Hubbard standby for France? Harvey Lindauer standby for Russia and Harry Drews standby for Ottoman Empire?  
We want to thank you guys ahead of time if you actively standby for the above positions. They are all good positions and in some cases you'll get the country if they miss again!

## THE NEW DEADLINE IS.....

We were for one thing fouled up with our dates and names of days, but we also just noticed that July 4th stands in the way (our U.S.A. P.O. takes the day off) and so we're moving it back to Saturday, July 6, 1974.

We are hoping to get the next issue out earlier since we'll have two days prior off from work. So, if you can get your orders in early we can adjudicate it earlier and get it out earlier and start moving the deadline day up towards Thursdays. We want to note that a few misses of late may have been caused by the switch from LH to Impass., but we're hoping that all now know where their games are located! Thanks.

## A LETTER FROM LAKOFKA

((We didn't know how to break this one up as parts of it belonged in several places so we ended it up putting it here on page 2.--Ed.))

I noticed a few points in this issue of IMPASSABLE (#36) about ratings so I thought I would reply to them. In 1970BJ Rogues Gallery would reate a five-way draw as  $(170/5) + 5$  pts/center; so Beyerlein's Austria would get  $34+40=74$ , Keller's England  $34+40=74$ , Mahler's Germany  $34+20=54$ , Phillips Italy  $34+60=94$ , Richter's Russia  $34+40=74$ . The eliminated countries would get -30 (if elim in first three game years) -20 if eliminated in the middle game or -10 if eliminated in the last three game years.

1972AZ--If a concession is voted to Wiskow's England he will get 260 points (as if he had 18 centers) and the other players would proportionally divide the remaining 80 points such that: Austria would get  $(10/18)80$ , France  $(7/18)80$  and Italy  $(1/18)80$ . 1972CD is straightforward England 25, France 35, Italy 260, Russia 20. 1972CJ is also as straightforward: Russia WINS 260, Austria survives 80. (more on 72CJ in a minute) 1972CK: Austria 40, England 260, Italy 5, Turkey 35. 1972DD: Austria  $34+45=79$ , France  $34+30=64$ , England  $34+20=54$ , Germany  $34+35=69$ , and Italy  $34+40=74$ . Russia -20, Turkey=-30.

Now I must reply to Eric the Backstabber on his comments on 1972CJ. First, you will note that Eric says he received a letter intended for Russia, but please note that John Boyer said "Verheiden was Russia" in the game announcement! It was an error on John's part as the country preference list showed one country assignment, but the player address list showed another. I assumed the address list correct and sent a letter to Verheiden's Russia. Now all of this aside, at a later point in the game Eric and I negotiated an agreement whereby I would get Munich. Eric supported himself into Munich instead of supporting me into Munich. AT THAT POINT, and not some game years later, I threatened to attack Verheiden if he built in Trieste. It seemed logical as HE HAD JUST STABBED ME! So little innocent Eric can take his halo off and not try to show himself as Mr. Nice Guy--he is a backstabber! ...by the way, nice article Eric. It is similar to part of the series "Keys to the Kingdom" which I published in Bell's CARPETBAGGER ((appropriately now defunct....Ed.)). I intend to update that article as soon as the next EVERYTHING is out with data for some 300

wins. I have already sent one article to John for the new HANDBOOK and I will sent this also if Conrad comes with EVERYTHING within the time needed to update ROGUES GALLERY and still get the article to John for the HANDBOOK. Finally as some of you will notice LIASONS DANGEREUSES is still not out. I had to send to Germany for the pieces for my MAAR printing press. They arrived, but they were the wrong pieces (Zum Teufel mit dem Maar!) so I have had to send another order along with returning the (explicative deleted) incorrect ones. Any day now, maybe, perhaps...

## IMPASSABLE IS GOING TO CHICAGO!

Yes, your famous publisher (boo, humbug!) is going to go to Chicago in his trusty and economical Volkswagen with American luxury of airconditioning (if needed, we'll use it).

So, the big problem is that it is at least a 12 hour drive and maybe longer as I don't know how much longer what with the reduced speed limits this year. What we need, therefore, are riders to go along and to share the driving and gas expenses.

Last year we took Larry Moran along and drove back by myself in ten straight hours without stopping (except for gas and a few necessary ones.....). I am looking for two riders who can get themselves to Carlisle on their own or I can pick up on the way out of Pennsylvania (in Pennsylvania). Most likely, we'll leave on early Friday, but we could leave very early on Friday like about 4 a.m. depending on final arrangements with the riders.

So, let me know if you want to join me to Chicago. We can park your cars here and use mine to Chicago. Service with a smile! If we don't get riders then we'll be tempted to go by plan though we've never flown before!

## THIS IS A SHORT ISSUE

We want to stick with the deadline pace and we hope to have less of a squeeze for the players, but if we have to, we'll put a new deadline on the front cover (oops, the back cover). I waited on this issue to get some Monday moves in, but only got one. So, the other games were either postponed or pushed ahead with massive calls for standbys.

Next issue will be around the holidays and we have two days off. Hopefully, not only will it be out on time, but a big issue as we have lots of goodies to print! #end#

1970BJ, Autumn & Winter 1911

# UNCERTAINTIES GOVERN SOME NATIONAL REBUILDINGS

Draw Vote: Defeated, only 1 yes vote received.

Autumn 1911: England: NOR. GM R F Edi OTB

Winter 1911: Italy: R F Gre-Aeg

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): B A Bud

ENGLAND(Keller): SP

GERMANY(Mahler): SP

ITALY(Phillips): SP

RUSSIA(Richter): B A StP

SPRING 1912 due Friday, July 4, 1974 at noon.

## Winter 1911 Positions:

Austria: A Vie, A Tyr, A Mos, A Sev, A Sil, A Gre, A Rum, A Ser, A Bud (9); England: F Bel, F Lon (2); Germany: A Bur, A Ruh, F Nth, F Den (4); Italy: F Aeg, F Bul(sc), A Pie, A Mar, F Tri, A Ven, A Par, F Iri, F Mid, F Cly, F Eng, A Bel (12); Russia: F Edi, F Nwy, A Swe, A Liv, A Arm, A Con, A Mos (7)

Note: With the necessary builds and retreats in, we decided to go ahead despite the errors of last season: Italy ordered A Pic-Bel and Austria's A War-Mos succeeded for a build. Russian conditional builds covered this event and so we went ahead. The only loser was England, and he had to remove a unit anyhow.

No Press:

Impassable: I should note that Conrad von Metzke, alias the evil publisher of Everything, had printed that this game was drawn! He called this game as one of the most idiotic games in history and though he was only half right, this game is still going on! Oh well...

1972BW, Spring 1911

## FIGHT OVER GERMAN HEARTLAND CONTINUES HOT!

France(DePrisco): F Wes-Mid, F Hel-Den, A Hol-Kie, F Lon-Nth, F Eng S F Lon-Nth, F Edi S F Lon-Nth, A Lvp S F Edi, A Bel-Bur, A Ruh S Ita A Kie-Mun, A Tyr S Ita A Kie-Mun.

Germany(Davies): F Den S Rus A Mun-Kie, A Ber S Rus A Mun-Kie

Italy(Lindauer): A Kie-Mun, A Boh S A Kie-Mun, A Vie-Bud, A Tri-Alb, F Adr S A Tri-Alb, F Ion H, F Tun S F Ion

Turkey(Abbott): A Gre-Bul, A Bul-Rum, A Ser S Rus A Bud H, F Aeg-Gre, F Smy-Aeg, F Eas-Ion

Russia(Knudsen): A Sil-Boh, A Bud S A Rum-Gal,

A War S A Rum-Gal, A Mun-Kie, F Bal S A Mun-Kie, F Nwg S F Nth, F Nwy S F Nth, F Nth H, A Rum-Gal

FALL 1911 due Friday, July 4, 1974 at noon.

No Press.

1972CD, Winter 1910 & Statement

Next issue: Game history and comments.

Winter 1910:

ENGLAND(Schleinkofer): SP

FRANCE(McKeon): SP

ITALY(Morris): B F Ven, F Nap, has 18 centers and wins game

RUSSIA(Brennan): SP

## Final Winter 1910 Positions:

England: F NAT, F Eng, F Nth, A Den, F Nwy (5); France: F Por, A Bre, A Pic, A Hol, A Bel, A Mar, F Edi (7); Italy: A Spa, F Lyo F Wes, F Tyn, A Kie, A Ber, A Mun, A Pie, A Boh, A Vie, A Bud, A Rum, F Bla, F Con, F Ion, F Mid, F Ven, F Nap (18); Russia: A Mos, A Fin, A Ukr, A War (4)

Press:

France: 1972CD was my first game as a Diplomacy player and the first letter I received was from Italy. From the very beginning Italy was starting trouble between England, Germany and France and I imagine he was doing the same in the east. I've started in eight games and I must say that this one was the most exciting because of Italian interference. Italy would let little bits of information slip into his letters telling you about how England and Germany were planning against France and I know that he was doing the same to England and Germany. I didn't trust England in the beginning and decided to ally with Germany against England. Italy, however, managed to make me distrust Germany enough and to be suspicious enough of Italian intentions to change allies and attack Germany, it being easier to protect my southern borders that way.

After Italy attacked Mar. and changed a treaty I had with him by force I decided I would take revenge on Italy, but that I would have to wait. In the meantime I was trying to unify the east against Italy, and to say the least it didn't work. Then in the Spring of 1905 I decided to take direct revenge against Italy. Everything was going well until England attacked me in 1907. I was surrounded by superpowers who would soon engulf me. I

decided that I would help England win because I still wanted revenge against Italy and I had been unfair with him concerning the division of supply centers in Germany. England, however, didn't answer my letters at all and that is why I believe Schleinkofer to be a poor player. I then wrote Italy and offered him the same alliance against England, he realized that there was no way I could double-cross him and he accepted my offer for an alliance. I was to come in second and he would win.

In conclusion I would like to say that Mr. Morris is one of the best Diplomacy players I have ever met and it's too bad he doesn't play in more games.

Italy: Since this was a novice game, I got the impression that, in general, we virtually blundered into the situations year-by-year. I have to admit that for most of the game I was often unaware of the real intentions and relations of the other players. In any case, by now I think I can understand what was really happening.

The "spheres of conflict" originally were divided into the West and East. While wars began to spring up at various points, I naively thought a sudden attack on Austria would be wise. I was lucky enough not to get hit from behind in the beginning, but later on--when I was fully involved in the East--France struck me and reached Tunis, the Tyrrhenian and two Italian provinces. The situation looked rather bleak until Russia lent his support against Turkey and lightened my burden.

Meanwhile, I had been continually writing to England (France's ally) reminding him about an agreement he had made to hit France long ago, but had never adhered to. Finally he stabbed France, which turned the tide my way. At that point France, showing his anger at being attacked in the north, turned his back on me and left a vacuum in Germany and the Mediterranean. From there it was pretty easy to pick up enough centers to win, with McKeon still retaining second place.

The game was truly enjoyable because I learned the common sense mechanics of Diplomacy--in the course of the game, I realized that backstabbing rarely works out the way it's planned, and that lying to someone eventually catches up with you (I guess France's attack, which was brought about by some stupid chicanery on my part, is a good example).

The best aspect of the game was communicating with other players, discussing our viewpoints on the game plus outside interests.

My thanks to all of them for bearing up with my "papal bull" releases every season...also, my appreciation to John for gamesmastering "CD" so well.

Impassable: We want to congratulate Morris for winning as Italy. This win assures him a place in our best country game and we hope that he will enter when we're ready. Thanks to the other players for holding out so long against him and I enjoyed CD myself as one of my better gm'd games. Next issue we'll print the chart of this game.

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1972CJ, Wrap-up

POLISH PEACE IT IS!

Note: Well, it looks like a draw. There weren't many comments on this game's ending, but I'm going to call it a draw and let it up to good ol' Conrad to call it whatever he desires. Take all complaints to him! Below we'll print the main argument against the draw from Phillips of 1970BJ:

The draw vote in 1972CJ is ineffective, I think. The statement in the rules is that: "As soon as one Great Power controls 18 supply centers, it is said to have 'gained control of Europe,' and the player representing that Great Power is the winner." And precedent goes right back to the first completed game of postal Diplomacy, 1963B, which was at least ostensibly supposed to end in a draw, but was instead declared a win for Brian Pelz when he got in his 17th build and Dian Pelz didn't (the victory criterion then was a majority of the units on the board).

I am, of course, in favor of letting players divide the board 18-16, 19-15, 33-1, or any other way they can agree to base an armistice on. But that's a variant, and it's rather late in the game for 1972CJ to get a Miller number.

Phillips expressed our views on this "draw" but we wanted to be completely fair to Austria and so we tried to bring up a discussion of this--alas, very little has been written! I suppose it will have to wait until Conrad and the ratingskeepers get their hands on this game--then, questions will pour in! Oh well, I have washed my hands of this putrid affair! Our congratulations for the fine ending between Wrobel and Verheiden and we are hereby going to invite both to join Iakofka in our first "Tiger's Game" (our answer to the Lion's Game). We apparently have Buchanan in along with Iakofka and we're trying to get Birsan,



Beyerlein (remember, he has won a free game from us!), Rocamora and Calhamer. We hope to get seven of them to play next Fall! This Summer at the DipCon we're going to twist all of their arms to say YES! Heh, heh, drool.... And now for that chart on the rise and fall of Stanley Rumble!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
AUSTRIA(Verheiden):	5	7	8	10	12	13	15	16	16	16
ENGLAND(Cairns/ Schill S'05):	5	5	5	2	2	1	0	-	-	-
FRANCE(Cooper/ Mahler F'06):	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	-	-	-
GERMANY(Ostapkovich):	4	3	2	3	0	-	-	-	-	-
ITALY(Lakofka):	4	5	7	9	8	8	6	4	1	-
RUSSIA(Wrobel/Rumble):	6	7	8	8	11	11	13	14	17	18
TURKEY(Atteberry/ Richter S'04):	4	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	-

1972CK, Winter 190 & Comments

PEACE IS FINALIZED

- AUSTRIA(Chin): SP
- ENGLAND(St. Johns): NOR. Will be 3 short, but won game anyhow last Fall.
- ITALY(Gershenson): SP
- TURKEY(White): SP

Final Positions:

Austria: A War, A Ukr, A Gal, A Boh, A Tyr, A Vie, A Ven, F Adr (8); England: F Bar, A Mos, A Liv, A Pru, F Den, A Ber, A Mun, A Kie, A Mar, F Tyn, F Mid, F Eng, F Tun, F Wes (15); Italy: A Pie (1); Turkey: F Ion, F Rom, A Tus, F Nap, A Alb, F Aeg, F Ion (7)

More Comments? & Game Chart next issue.

Turkey: When the game started, I was very confident of success as I had heard of the extreme strength of the Russo-Turkish alliance and I had negotiated just that. Unfortunately, things did not work out so well as Russia got involved in a war with England, concentrating his forces there, leaving me to confront the Austro-Italians alone. After gaining Greece I could advance no further and indeed I was under increasing pressure. Meanwhile, my ally was hit by a strong Austro-Italian offensive which he could not cope with and he rapidly collapsed leaving the North firmly in English hands and Austrians poised on my exposed flanks. Although I could have held out in my hole for some time, my doom was in sight. I then received a letter from Bruce Chin pointing out that by the time he had killed me that England (who, along with his

ally Italy, was now gobbling up France) would have won the game. He offered peace and proposed an alliance to oppose the Anglo-Italians. I agreed and sent my forces west to begin the assault on Italy. Unfortunately for Gershenson put up a stiff fight so that, although his homeland finally fell, I was unable to penetrate any further. England then started pumping fleets into the area and, since the geography of the area prevented me from using my numerical advantage, I was stalemated and the war became an exercise in futility. Meanwhile, in the north, Bruce just couldn't quite put up a stalemate line but he did delay England long enough so that he was forced to stab his ally to gain the win giving us a moral victory of sorts. In Fall 1910 I was tempted to stab Austria and rip off

Venice and Serbia thus giving me second place but I decided not to as, besides being unethical, all it would accomplish would be to alienate Bruce making it difficult to work with him in any future games in which I may need his help. Anyhow, I would like to thank Bruce, for after years of war in becoming a loyal ally, congratulations to St. Johns for a good win, and many thanks to John for putting up with us for almost two years now. Impassable: You're darn right I put up with your game for almost two years! Boy! I was just about to drop it as a hot potato, but I had a change of heart, fellas, and just could not bear to see it go down the drain without style! More comments and game chart will be printed next issue.

1972DF, Fall 1909

TURKISH NAVAL FORCES POUNDS AHEAD

COA: Walter Blank, Box 411, Trempealeau, WI 54661.

- AUSTRIA(Conner): A Vie S Tur A Boh H, A Tyr S Tur A Boh H, A Pie H
- ENGLAND(Lindauer): F Iyo-Mar, F Spa(sc) S F Iyo-Mar, F Wes-Tun, F Naf S Wes-Tun, F Mid-Eng, F Bel-Hol, F Nth S F Bel-Hol, A Gal-War, A Liv S A Gal-War, A Mos S A Gal-War/r/
- GERMANY(McKeon): A Pru-Liv, A War-Mos, A Sil-War, A Mun-Bur, A Mar-Spa/r/, F Den-Nth, F Hol S F Den-Nth
- TURKEY(Blank): A Boh H, A Rom H, F Tus-Iyo, F Tyn S F Tus-Iyo, F Tun S F Tyn, F Ion S F Tun, F Bla S A Sev, F Aeg-Gre, A Rum S A Ukr, A Ukr S Ger A War-Mos, A Sev S A

Ukr, A Bud-Gal

AUTUMN & WINTER 1909 due Friday, July 4, 1974 at noon. Also, votes for a draw! ALSO, send in conditional Spring 1910 orders so that we can keep this game going! Thanks.

Fall 1909 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Vie, Tri, Ven (3) SP  
 England: Hom, Nwy, StP, ~~Mos~~, Bre, Spa, Por, Bel, Mar (10) SP  
 Germany: Hom, Hol, Den, Swe, Par, War, ~~Mos~~, Mos (9) Bl, was 1 short  
 Turkey: Hom, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, Ser, Nap, Rom, Tun, Bud (12) SP

Press:

Vienna: Emperor William IV announced that Austria was pleased to introduce the FIFTH EUROPEAN PEACE PROPOSAL. Emperor William IV added that Bandit Chief Wang Ducktoe Richter would be pleased to host the Fifth Peace Proposal Summit aboard the rail-jacked "Blue Danube Waltz" on the highest summit in Tibet. Secretary of State Peter Prevaricator Kissingby, Shiek Hobbi Nob Job, and Baron Gustave Von Nonameberg.

Impassable: Okay, the draw vote will take place after Winter 1909 results and prior to Spring 1910 orders.

Budapest: Austrian Secretary of State Peter Prevaricator in his summit invitations stated the past votes went like this....

FIRST PEACE PROPOSAL by England (W'05):

Yes (E-F), No (T-A-G)

SECOND PEACE PROPOSAL by Turkey (S'07):

Yes (G-T), No (E-A)

THIRD PEACE PROPOSAL by Germany (W'07):

Yes (E-T-G), No (A)

FOURTH PEACE PROPOSAL by Germany (W'08):

Yes (G-T-A), No (E)

FIFTH PEACE PROPOSAL by Austria (W'09):????

....if we could all get together it would be over; and for me it has been for a long time except for the fun of complicating it for you big winners.

1973Ddl, Summer & Fall 1020

COA: Douglas Dick, 306 $\frac{1}{2}$  Court, Flint, MI 48502

INVADING SCOTS STORM DUBLIN'S CITY WALLS! ALL WAR MANEUVERS TAKE A PECULIAR, FUNNY TURN!

Autumn 1020: Munster R F Mid-TrB

Fall 1020:

ENGLAND(Swies): NOR. A Pow H/u/

KYMRU(Gemignani): A Sta-Str, A Shr S Eng  
 A Pow-Gwy/u/, A Gwe-Ber

LEINSTER(Fujihara): A Mea-Tar, F SIS-DrB,  
 F Dub S F SIS-DrB/r/, A Ern-Oma, A Tyr S  
 A Ern-Oma, F CaB S Mun F NIS-SIS/nso/,  
 A Der-Yor

MUNSTER(Dick): F NSG H, A Sli-Bre, A Tua H,  
 A Lei S A Tua, A Cas H, F TrB-Mid, F GaB  
 S F TrB-Mid

ORKNEY(Keller): A Sut-Spe via Scot F Isl,  
 F Iat S Scot F Mid H, A Dur-Sut, F Mon S  
 Scot A Gwy-Mer, F Arm S Scot F DrB/nso/,  
 A Oma-Don, F Don-SIB

SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): F DrB-Dub, A Flu S F  
 DrB-Dub, F Iri-SIS, A Gwy-Mer, A Glo-Her,  
 A Str-Der, F Che H, A Ber H, F Isl C Ork  
 A Sut-Spe, F Mid H

AUTUMN & WINTER 1020 due Friday, July 4th at noon.

Fall 1020 Supply Center Chart:

England: Pow (1) SP

Kymru: Car, Bue, Shr, Ber (4) Bl

Leinster: Mea, Kil, Wex, Tar, ~~Dub~~, ~~Ber~~, Ros,  
 Oma (6) Bl

Munster: Hom, Lei, Tua, Sli (7) SP

Orkney: Heb, Sky, Cai, Don, Mon, ~~Ork~~, Arm,  
 Dur (7) Bl

Scotland: Hom, Kin, Der, Che, Dow, Man, Sta,  
 Dub (11) Bl

Will William Osmanson, 1015 Union St., Morris, IL 60450 please standby for England? Thanks.

No Press.

1971Dbu, Spring 1910

Temp. COA: Tim Tilson, 1117 Tweed, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Temporary standby from local area will take his place while he's in ROTC and will follow general orders on hand.

ENGLAND VACATES TOKYO AS GERMANS USE ENGLISH AID TO TAKE BRIEST! JAPAN ORDERS STANDSTILL!

Error: Winter report erroneously gave Germany a build of A Pos when he was not entitled to one. There is thus no A Pos.

AUSTRIA(Tilson): A Sax-Mun, A Tyr S A Sax-Mun, A Boh S A Sax-Mun, A Clu-Gal, F Aeg H, A Con H, A War-Mos, A Ukr S A War-Mos, A Sev S A War-Mos, A Tur-Oms, A Tri H  
 CHINA(Biehl): F Man-Kor, A Cal S A Mad-Dec, A Mad-Dec, A Tib-Bur, A Bur-Tha, F Phi-Sch, F Bor-Cel, A Vtn-Ann, A Han S A Kan-Pek,

A Kan-Pek  
ENGLAND(Kelly): A Wal-Liv, F Nat S F Mid,  
F Lon-Wal, F NPa-NPaORB, F Tok-NPa, F Eng  
S Ger F Pic-Bre, F Mid S Ger F Pic-Bre/r/.  
GERMANY(Proujansky): F Pic-Bre, A Par-Gas,  
A Bur S A Par-Gas, A Mun-Boh/r/, A Ber-Sax,  
A Kie S A Ber-Sax, A Sil-Gal, A Pru-War,  
A Liv S A Pru-War, A Mos-Ukr/r/, F StP-  
Bot, F Bal-Pos  
INDIA(Hubbard): A Del-Dec  
ITALY(Boler): F Ara-Mad, F Cey-EIn, F Mog-Som,  
F Ira-Ara, F Smy H, F Adr S A Rom-Ven, F  
Nap-Tyn, F Ion-H, F SAT S F Gas-Mid, F Wes  
S F Gas-Mid, F Gas-Mid, A Mar-Bur, A Spa H,  
A Mor H, A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, A Ank H  
JAPAN(Labelle): F Kor H, F And H, F Joh H,  
F Ton H, F Ech H, F Can H, F Yel H, A IMo  
H, A Omo H, A Skg H, F Sia H, F Pek H/a/

SUMMER & FALL 1910 due Saturday, July 6, 1974  
at noon. This is correct deadline!

Press: None.

SCOTTICE SCRIPTI III, The New Game

A player has requested an extension of the  
first deadline to allow more time for the  
initial negotiations. I am granting this as  
it has been my policy in the past to grant  
two season's time for the initial start. Why  
I tried to push this start, I don't know. My  
apologies and thanks to the player for noting  
my departure from my past practice. So, the  
new deadline is Saturday, July 6, 1974 at  
noon, for Spring 1014 orders.

1721, 1973AYec, Fall 1723

COA: Douglas Dick, 306 1/2 Court, Flint, MI  
48502

Note: Trtek has resigned due to lack of time  
to play. Thus, we are asking Tom Hubbard,  
5160 Mount Royal Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90041  
to take over England. Tom, you send in orders  
and you're in.

Also, we are asking John Biehl, 5347-A  
Oak St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6M 2V5 to  
send in standby orders for Austria.

AUSTRIA(Keller): NOR. F Nly H/r/, F Nap H,  
A Mil H, A Tyr H, A Swi H/a/, A Rhi H,  
A Col H, A Han H, A Pap H

ENGLAND(Hubbard?): NOR. F Nat H, F Nth H,  
A Hol H, F Ire H, F Eng H, F Sco(wc) H

FRANCE(Drews): F Iyo-Sav, A Sav-Swi, A Auv  
S A Sav-Swi, A Rhe S A Sav-Swi, A Ver S

A Rhe, F Net S Eng A Hol  
OTTOMAN EMPIRE(Osmanson): F Sic H, F Cen  
S F Sic H, A Bul-Rum, A Sin-Con, A Cau-Kub  
POLAND(Lindauer): A Min-Kie, A Mol S A Min-  
Kie, A Got-Sto, A Den-Got, A Pom-Est, A  
Lit S A Pom-Est, F Bal C A Pom-Est, F Bot  
S A Got-Sto  
RUSSIA(Dick): A Sto S A Var, A Var S A Sto,  
A Kie S A Est-Min, A Est-Min/r/, A Mos S  
A Kie  
SPAIN(Vane): A Wal-Lon, F Iri-Mid, F Mid-Sev,  
F Wes-Sty, F Sar S F Sty-NTy, F Sty-NTy,  
A Bar-Tun

AUTUMN & WINTER 1723 due Saturday, July 6,  
1974 at noon.

Fall 1723 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Nap, Han, Rhi, Pap, Mil (9)  
Bl, lost 1  
England: Sco, Yor, Ire, Lph, Ice, Hol (5)  
Bl  
France: Hom, Net, Sav (6) SP  
Ottoman: Hom, Cre, Sic (7) B2, was 2 short  
Poland: Hom, Pru, Pom, Got, Den (8) SP  
Russia: Hom, Var, Sto (6) Bl, 1 short  
Spain: Hom, Sar, Por, Tun, Lon (8) Bl

Press:

Madrid (May 19, 1723): The well-executed  
counterattack by England is thwarting the  
conquistadore army as naval forces withdrew.  
The lack of diplomacy in this situation is  
amazing, Spain will try to set up diplomatic  
relations with the Mediterranean powers.

1721, 1973CZec

POSTPONED AGAIN! AUGGG!!!!

COA: Michael Rocamora, 211 E. 89th St.,  
Apt. C 13, New York City, NY 10028

I really hate saying this, but I don't  
know what has happened to this game. Three  
misses and two are from players who got  
orders in their other games! Two countries  
missing is enough for me and three is bad!  
Rather than ruining the balance of this game  
and take the chance of angering those reliables  
I am again postponing the Fall 1723 season.  
There really is no excuse for them as I  
postponed it once for the Canadian player.  
But, I'm giving them one more chance. So,  
we need standbys: Tom Hubbard (see address  
in other 1721 game) for France, Harvey  
Lindauer, 120-18 Aldrich St., Bronx, NY  
10475 for Russia, and Harry Drews, P.O. Box

282, Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA N2G 3X9 for the Ottoman Empire. Thanks.

FALL 1723 due Saturday, July 6, 1974--and get those orders in! This is your last chance!

ATLANTICA I, 1973CcZ

AUGHHHH!!!!....POSTPONED AGAIN!

Damn the Canadian P.O.! (No offense, the U.S.A. P.O. is just as bad--like hurting this GM as a player in another zine!) Well, what can I do with so many Canadians? Postpone it and hope for the best. There were three misses, but since they're all Canadians, we'll dispense with a call for standbys (anyhow, we don't know where to get any for this game!). Sigh, your new deadline, is:

NOVEMBER orders due Saturday, July 6, 1974 at noon. That's November 1870!

October Positions:

Germany: A Kar, A Ruh, A Mun, F Den, F Bot;  
C.S.A.: A Mis, A Mag, F Bah, A Cha, F NCA;  
Canada: F Ice, A NFL, F NAT, F Gra, A Lou,  
F Hal; England: F Iri, F Lyp, F Nwg, F Nth;  
U.S.A.: F NCA/r/, A Ten, A Ken, A Ric, F  
New, F WAT, F Azo; Italy: A Aus, F Wes,  
F Ion, F Box, F Pan, F Dar; France: F Nwg,  
F Lon, F Mid, F Can, F Spa(sc), A Mor, A Pic,  
A Gas, A Bel.

1972BG, POSTPONED!!!!

I guess that my tight squeeze last time caused this massive missing of moves as only only got orders in! So, I must postpone the deadline. Unlike the LH games which were postponed before, there is no need to ask for substitutes as this is the first time these people of this game have missed. (You know, I'd rather get complaints than silence so that I know you're alive and kicking out there!). So, an extension is made to:

FALL 1911 due Saturday, July 6, 1974 at noon.

1972AZ, Winter 1911

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): SP  
ENGLAND(Wiskow): NOR. Will be 2 short  
FRANCE(Mahler): R F Tun, F Tyn  
ITALY(Hollingsworth): SP

SPRING 1912 due Saturday, July 6, 1974 at noon.

Winter 1911 Positions:

Austria: F Gre, A Ser, A Smy, A Rum, A Sev,  
A Ukr, A Tri, A Tyr, F Alb, A Bud; England:  
A Mos, A War, A Liv, A Mun, A Sil, A Sil,  
A Ber, F Bre, F Eng, F Mid, F Iri, A Par,  
A Bur, A Hol; France: A Pie, A Ven, F Adr,  
F Apu, F Ion, F Wes, A Mar; Italy: F Aeg.

Press:

The Mouse That Roared: Gentlemen, I believe I owe you an explanation. I enjoy receiving Impassable, but not enough to buy a subscription to it. Therefore, I plan to keep this game going as long as possible, which I anticipate should be five more issues. This will not alter the outcome, but we will nevertheless play it out. Sorry, Doug.

About a year ago, Howard predicted the outcome of each game. I note that those games which he predicted would have short game lives ended in draws while the ones in which he forecast a lengthy life have resulted in decisive victories. Any comments, Howard? Vienna: The Austrian government wishes to again concede first place to England, and to answer some of France's statements. Austria has kept all agreements with honorable governments, the fact that France did not has cost him a draw. It should be pointed out that Austria kept all agreements with the Russian government while under Matt Bessen. The fact that his government fell in S02 is not the fault of the Austrian government. As for Italy's losses in this game, they will be made good at a future date and is the concern of the two governments involved, not of the country who attacked Italy because he tried to defend his own soil. Again, it must be pointed out that Piedmont is Italian territory--not French and that it was French forces which invaded Italian soil first, not Italian forces on French soil. This point is not irrelevant as France would like it to be. But was the main reason that Austria could never ally with France. Needless to say, France's lack of good will and the keeping of agreements is well known to all: Austria, Italy and England.

Impassable: Say, can I remind you two guys (Osma and Mahler) that you missed your moves in 1721 game? Let me know if you're quitting your fight there!

France(continued from last time): Now we jump ahead to Winter 1903. England and Austria are very strong and I'm making slow progress versus Italy. I'd promise to support England



to Kiel but instead I foolishly tried to prop up Germany. Also Italy had very sneakily snuck up an Army from Munich into Burgundy. This season was undoubtedly the turning point in the game. Osmo wanted war between me and England--if that had happened he as Austria would've had an easy win. Meanwhile I was trying to work some sort of disengagement out with Hollingsworth (Italy). Unfortunately, with the long deadline both he and I started having doubts and neither of us kept the deal. At the time I was certain that Italy had offered England a deal. (I'd appreciate comments from England and Italy). England had me over a barrel as long as I didn't get a deal with Italy; that army in Burgundy was a rope around my neck that had to be dealt with. England demanded Belgium and Holland in exchange for allowing me to continue my attack on Italy and then to help him push back Austria. With my belief that Italy had offered England a deal, I realized that I'd either have to accept England's demands or fight him from a far inferior position. I was balancing between the two choices and at one point was going to build a fleet Brest and "not give in to a tyrant".

One letter from Osmanson would certainly have tipped me to that course of action. Those who've never had the pleasure of being in a game with Osmo should know that he writes very infrequently. You'll get a spurt of 2 or 3 letters when he wants something from you, but in between are long stretches of total silence. One whole year real time (Fall 1901 to about 1906) I didn't receive a single letter from him. If I had one piece of advice for William it's write to everyone at least every two game years. Even if you don't have anything to say, a semblance of a regular correspondence will do wonders when the time comes when you do want something from the other guy. Well, I didn't receive a letter from Austria and I tipped in favor of going along with England.

So, up til now, all of Osmanson's moves not only had an explanation, but were good. He'd come within a breath of winning, but unfortunately for him things didn't quite work out in the West as he might have hoped.  
(to be continued)

#### POSTAL CLUE IS DEAD

With no response we have to kill the games of Clue. We'll return the money to those who indicated desire to continue. The others who gave up can roast. Too bad, too bad!

#### THEM CHESS GAMES....

Well, this is not going to be good news, but I have decided not to start anymore chess games unless we organize them differently! That is, I don't like this anonymous idea and I'd want all players to be known by their real, birth-born names. For now, there are only two games. Anyothers will have to be re-negotiated. Let me know if you'll play with your real name revealed, and if we can pair up two we will then start a third. We will start a fourth if there is any desire out there, but that will be our maximum.

You might say what's the use of playing in Impassable if you know each other? There isn't that much except that you'll get the satisfaction of having it watched by virtually hundreds of chess morons in this country. I'm sorry, but I never did like anonymity. As for the two games, they can continue anonymous but I strongly ask that they bare the truths!

Locally, we are considering on taking on Brent Larsen of Denmark in a game. Of course, we'd have to shell out \$11.00 just for the privilege of playing and getting beaten by him, but then we'll be ready for Bobby Fisher! We like to think big. On to the games?

Game #1: White--Harbor, Black--Bisher  
12. PxQBP R-R1  
13. QRP-QR4 ....  
Game #5: White--Bisher, Black--?????  
1. P-Q4 N-KB3\*  
2. ....

((Note: "...": to move; "\_\_\_": moved; "\*": move made conditionally))

If we do play Larsen, we'll be able to print our game result in nextish. Should we also print ours with Bisquier? Almost forgot to mention that I finally received my trophy for finishing third in the company chess tournament. Oh well, enough of this ego busting.....

#### HOBBY NEWS, CONT.

\*\*The IDA Handbook Project is beginning to pick up some steam under my famous directorship (really, it's a sham front for a slave auction....). We have several brand new articles from famous hobby writers and we have several promises of which the biggest is Doug Beyerlein's promise to analyze the Lion's Game. It was our idea that a well played and analyzed game would be worth many articles to the novice or intermediate player--even to some Polocks such as Stanley Rumble!  
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## HOBBY ORGIES, CONT.

\*\*Some of you out there may not know it, but Lost Horizons has merged with Impassable for the summer while we work on the Handbook II. Some have asked about their subs to LH when they're players in LH. We will take not one single, solitary action at this time on their subscriptions, but we will rectify it once LH is divorced (Italian style?) from Impassable. Right now, we don't know how many issues it'll be. Next issue should prove to be a big issue (long overdue) and just in time, we think, to assuage our readers and our many fans (boo! Cheapskate!) with a feast of entertaining articles and such things designed to feed upon the maniacs of our dear, beloved hobby. This son of Impassable Horizons was not dedicated to Henry Kissinger for his unsettling work in the Middle East. We like to worry about how in the past great wars have resulted from a too hastily and unstable peace established by coercion and force. The peace established by Kissinger and Nixon did not resolve the basic problems of the area and instead created new ones with promises of nuclear reactors (how do you think India got the bomb? With help from Canada and an American donated for peace nuclear reactor!) in exchange for only the briefest of temporary peace. It only took Serbia to start World War II, and it will only take one little country with the bomb....

We do not advocate suppression of the bomb technology to other nations just because we want to continue to dominate the field with Russia, but to lessen the chances of war that always increase with multiplicity of nations

Peace.

increasing the interplay of that poorly understood human pastime of diplomacy and politics--we should learn from our past history of 500 years! Alas, there is no way to change man overnight--even religion has failed to do that! Is Sinestrae still on the loose? Who knows!

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## NEXT ISSUE, HOPEFULLY

We are hoping to be able to include not only our great defeat at the hands of the greater Bent Larsen, but to include the many articles sent to us by our readers. We have a whole pile and we wish to remind them that we will print it all next issue. We have something to please all of you out there including the novice, the brilliant and the dumb. So, stay in tune and cross your fingers! ((Oops, we are not forgetting that contributors of articles/material of one page length or more will get extensions of their subs to Impassable.))

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## QUOTES ON WAR

The sinews of war are five--men, money, materials, maintenance (food) and morale.-- Bernard Baruch, Evening Post, 1930; War is a biological necessity.--Friedrich Von Bernhard; Nothing should be left to an invaded people except their eyes for weeping--Bismarck; C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre. (It is magnificent, but it isn't war.)--Pierre Bosquet: At charge of the Light Brigade, 1854; War is a racket.--Smedley Butler, Sept. 1934.

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